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Awareness Programme on e-Waste
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing an awareness programme on environmental hazards of electronic waste under the "Digital India Initiative";
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the salient features and major activities undertaken under the said awareness programme; and
(d) the amount of funds earmarked in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) Yes sir. Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY) has initiated a pilot project entitled "Awareness Programme on Environmental Hazards of Electronic waste" under Digital India initiatives.

(b) The programme aims to provide training, tools, content materials, films, printed materials to create awareness in order to reduce the adverse impact on environment and health due to the polluting methods, used in the unorganized sector for recycling e-waste. During the entire project duration of 5 years, a city each in the 10 identified States would be covered.

(c)The awareness programme has three components, namely, content development, organising workshops and inventory study. Accordingly, proposals were sought for all the three components. An Expert Review Committee has been constituted to identify the projects and review these during the execution stage. Three meetings of Expert Review Committee have so far been held. Expert Review Committee had short-listed a few proposals subject to certain modifications. So far, one project each for content development; to organize workshop, in proposed ten states; and to create awareness for government officials from State Government on e-waste, as also, two projects for inventory study in four states, viz., Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha have been initiated.

(d) The total outlay of the approved aforesaid pilot programme is Rs. 43.75 crore spread over a period of five years to be implemented in ten states Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Goa, Bihar, Pondicherry, West Bengal, Assam and Manipur.
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